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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 8173-212	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US02/26492	International filing date (day/month/year) 20 August 2002 (20.08.2002)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 31 August 2001 (31.08.2001)
Applicant TRAC MEDICAL SOLUTIONS, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).



- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



contained in the international application in written form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 4



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.



None of the figures

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 17/21, 17/30, 17/60, H04L 9/00;
 US CL : 705/51; 713/168; 707/8, 508, 512;

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 U.S. : 705/51; 713/168; 707/8, 508, 512

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X,P	US 2002/0010679 A1 (FELSHER) 24 June 2002 (24.06.2002), See Abstract; Paragraphs: [0262], [0274], [0287-0314], [0328-0336], [0350-0354], [0361-0367]	1-11
X,P	US 2002/0019937 A1 (EDSTROM et al.) 14 February 2002 (14.02.2002), Paragraphs: [0049-0081]	1-11
Y	US 6,266,683 B1 (YEHUDA et al.) 24 July 2001 (24.07.2001), See column 4, col. 12, lines 10-40	1-11
Y	US 6,154,753 A (MCFARLAND) 28 November 2000 (28.11.2000), column 13, lines 5-30; col. 15, lines 45-63, col. 18, lines 48-67, col. 24, lines 6-20	1-11
A	US 6,240,414 B1 (BEIZER et al.) 29 May 2001 (29.05.2001)	1-11

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

NEW ABSTRACT

A system and method for interactive processing of form documents is provided that includes the steps of selecting a form document to be processed (1000), providing one or more requests to a first user (1010) at a first location on a computer network (907) for information used to complete the form and receiving one or more responses (1020) from the first user (1010) used to complete the form (2040), providing one or more requests to a second user (1070) at a second location on a computer network (909) for information used to complete the form (1090) and receiving one or more responses from the second user (1070) used to complete the form, and writing or storing information (1120) obtained from the first (1010) and second users (1070) used to complete the form onto at least one digital file (1020). The system may include additional features or steps of verifying whether the information submitted by the first and second users is valid (1090) for the particular form document selected and providing feedback to the first (1010) or second user (1070) based upon the information provided. A system may also be provided to secure one or more of the digital files (3000) associated with the selected form document. One method provided of securing the one or more digital files (3000) associated with the form document being processed utilizes a system and method for digital file management and authentication which facilitates automatic digital file (3000) registration and utilizes a means for inputting the digital file (3000) and a secure date and time (3040) reference providing data and time information (3040).